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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, HK

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR NEW BILATERAL TEXTILE

AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG

1. SUMMARY: IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, TEXTILE DEL IN GENEVA RECOMMENDS THAT FOLLOWING POINTS BE USED, IF-ASKED BASIS, TO RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT NEW BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG PRESENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES, AND THAT POINTS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DORWARD FOR USE IN SPEECH BEFORE HK LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON HK TIME (JULY 27). POINTS DEVELOPED WITH HK REP HERE (MILLS).
END SUMMARY.

2. POINTS TO BE USED BY EITHER US OR HK SINGLY OR COLLECTIVELY:

A. -- NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND HONG KONG IS THE RESULT OF SEVERAL MONTHS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND REPRESENTS ACCOMMODATION BY BOTH SIDES TO MEET EACH OTHER'S MOST CRITICAL PROBLEMS.

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B. -- NEW AGREEMENT PROVIDES CONTINUED ORDERLY MARKET ACCESS FOR FIVE YEARS -- 1/1/78 - 12/31/82.

C. -- CURRENT BILATERAL (10/1/74 - 9/30/77) HAS BEEN EXTENDED THREE MONTHS TO PROVIDE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM 9/30/77 THROUGH 12/31/77.

D. -- ANNUAL RESTRAINT LEVELS HAVE BEEN AGREED TO FOR THE LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT.

E. -- WHILE THE RESTRAINT LEVELS AND GROWTH RATES DIFFER FOR SPECIFIC CATEGORIES, OVERALL GROWTH THROUGH 1982, MEASURED FROM THE LAST 12 MONTHS OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT AS EXTENDED, IS ABOUT 4.8 PERCENT PER ANNUM. GROWTH WITHIN THE LIFE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, MEASURED FROM THE FIRST YEAR OF THAT AGREEMENT, IS 6 PERCENT PER ANNUM.

3. POINTS ABOVE DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO URGENT REQUEST BY MILLS AND BY US INDUSTRY AND LABOR ADVISORS WHO FEEL IMPERATIVE THAT OUTLINES OF AGREEMENT NOW BE MADE PUBLIC. IN VIEW OF WIDESPREAD KNOWLEDGE OF SOME OF TERMS OF DRAFT AGREEMENT, DEL FEELS THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY REASON TO REFUSE TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE EXISTENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG; BECAUSE SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRIES INVOLVED ARE GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT, WE FEEL IT ADVISABLE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE SUMMARY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS. ALSO, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MILLS THAT HK LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON JULY 27.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT: WHILE US DEL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT PRECISE LANGUAGE USED IN DRAFT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE UNTIL NOTES ARE EXCHANGED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMEND CONCURRENCE WITH USE OF POINTS MADE IN PARA 2 ABOVE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSUL GENERAL TO PASS TO DORWARD WITH EXPLANATION ON LINES OF PARA 1 ABOVE.
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